

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Field, et al.

Attorney Docket No.: SUN1P252/P4198

Application No.: 09/540,576

Examiner:

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Title: DEBUGGER PROTOCOL GENERATOR

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Tara Hayden

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box AF
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for the above-identified application, please find:

1. Preliminary Amendment




Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-0388.



Please charge the required fees, or any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. SUN1P252/P4198). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

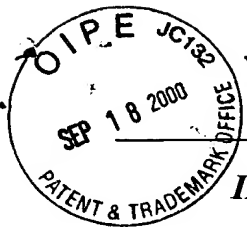
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Entry and consideration of the following Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is being added by the amendments described herein.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 8, 12, and 15 as follows.

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1. A method for assuring compatibility between a formal specification, a front-end debugger program, and a back-end debugger program which interfaces with a debuggee system, the method comprising:

inputting a formal specification into a code generator;

utilizing the code generator to parse [parsing] the formal specification;

generating a front-end debugger program portion from the formal specification; and